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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Assembly Question- Working hours for nurses Papers recorded.

Reduction of working hours for nurses in hospitals.

*173 Q. MAHIN SCHAMNAD SAHIB BAHADUR: Will the Hon. the Min-ister for Public Health be pleased to state-

(a) the working hours for nurses in different hospitals;

(b) whether the Government propose to reduce the number of working hours for them; and

(c) whether the nurses are allowed to avail themselves of Sundays and other Public holidays and if not why not?

THE HON. SRI.A.B. SHETTY:- "(a) A statement showing the working hours of nurses in the Stanley Hospital and General Hospital, Madras, is laid on the table. These hours are adopted in other hospitals with modifications suited to the requirements of the hospitals concerned.

"(b) No.

"(c) All the nurses are not allowed to avail themselves of Sundays and other holidays simultaneously as a routine as the patients have to be looked after on these days also. Makeshift arrangements are however made to grant some concessions to the nurses in lieu of the usual Sundays and other Public holidays, e.g. -

(i) Ward sisters are allowed-

(1) Sundays off on every alternate week,
(2) One day off during the month on a week day, and
(3) four half days a month from 1-30 P.M.

(ii) Staff nurses are allowed-
(1) One day off every month, and
(2) five half days off every month.

(iii) Pupil nurses are allowed-
(1) one day off every month, and
(2) two half days off every month."

MAHIN SCHAMNAD SAHIB BAHADUR:- "May, I know Sir, why the nurses should be made to work more hours a day than other Government servants in other departments?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:- "The nurses on day duty have to work for 8¾ hours and they have an interval of 4¼ hours. The nurses on night duty have to work 9½ hours and they cantake rest for an hour at mid-night. It is not considered desirably to have more than two,shifts in a day."

APPENDIX III.

(Vide answer to starred questionNo.173 asked by Mahin Schamnad Sahib Bahadur at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on the 9th October 1947, page 573 supra.)

Stanley Hospital, Madras.

(a) Working hours of the nurses in this hospital are

as follows:-

Day duty.	Interval	Actual number of hours on duty.
6-30 a.m, to 8 p.m. (13½ hours)	1st day, 4¾ hours. 2nd day, 4¼ hours.	8¾ hours. 9¼ hours.

Pupil nurses are allowed one day off form the month plus two half-days.

Staff nurses are allowed one day off for the month plus five half-days.

Night duty	Interval	Actual number of hours on duty.
8 P.M. to 6-30 a.m. (10½ hours)	¼ hour for coffee	10¼ hours.

One night off for the month.

GOVERNMENT GENERAL HOSPITAL, Madras.

1. Ward Sisters-

Day duty-

All Ward Sisters will be on duty from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. with an interval of one hour from 9 to 10 a.m. for breakfast.

The first batch of Sisters will go for lunch from 1 to 2 p.m and will be on duty from 2 to 4 p.m.

The second batch of Sisters will go for lunch at 1-30 p.m. and will be on duty from 5 to 8 p.m.

The above duties will be on alternate days which will amount to 6 ¾ hours work a day.

Night duty-

The night duty Ward Sister (Night Superintendent)will be on duty from 9 p.m. to 8 a.m. of the following day with an interval of 2 hours from 12 midnight to 2 a.m.

II Staff and pupils-

Day duty nurses (staff and pupils) will come for duty at 6-30 a.m.

They will go for breakfast in two batches with an interval of ¾ hour.

First batch - 8-30 to 9-15 a.m.

Second batch - 9-15 to 10 a.m.

They will go for lunch in two batches.

First batch - 12-30 to 1 p.m. They will be on duty from 1 to 4 p.m. and will get off dutyat 4 p.m.

Second batch - 1 to 4 p.m. They will be on duty from 4 to 8 p.m. and will get off duty at 8 p.m.

The nurses willhave the above two shifts on alternate days. It will amount to 8¾ hours work a day.

Night duty staff (nurses and pupils). They will be on duty from 8 p.m. to 6-30 a.m. of the following morning with an interval of one hour at midnight.

Day duty-

On an average a Ward Sister works for 6¾ hours and nurses (staff and pupils) for 8¾ hours a day.

Night duty-

Ward Sister (Night Superintendent) works for 9 hours and nurses (staff and pupils) for 9½ hours a day.

Please see the printed proceedings on page 3-6 ante. The papers may now be

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